GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PERSONS BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any specific directions to the State Governments to identify the total persons living Below Poverty Line;

(b) if so, the States that have submitted the said List;

(c) the time by which the remaining States are likely to submit the List; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against the States showing slackness in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIAM)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development issued instructions to the State Governments and Union Territories in April, 1997 to conduct household census in all rural areas to identify the families living Below the Poverty Line.

(b) All the States and Union Territories, except Kerala, Sikkim and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, have furnished information regarding the number of total families living below the poverty line in rural areas.

(c) The State Governments and Union Territories were advised to send the data/information on the number of BPL families by December, 1998.

(d) The defaulting States/UTs. were advised that if the complete results of the BPL Census 1997 are not furnished by 30.9.1999, the Ministry might be compelled to think in terms of withholding the release of second instalment under different programmes.